IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Canceled
- 2. (Currently Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising:

a distribution server for managing delivery of the delivery goods on the basis of a delivery schedule;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent <u>by registering delivery goods</u>

information on the delivery of the delivery goods in a storage apparatus in the agent server;

a data transmission network for connecting said distribution server and said agent server and a terminal of the receiver to one another;

means in the distribution server for receiving a request for specifying how to receive the delivery goods from the terminal of the receiver;

means in the distribution server for sending $\underline{\text{the}}$ delivery goods information to an agent designated in the request; and

means in the distribution center, for storing the delivery goods information in a storage medium accompanied

with the delivery goods;

means in the agent server, for inputting the

delivery goods information stored in the storage medium

accompanied with the delivery goods, the delivery goods

information notifying of arrival of the delivery goods to the

agent;

means in the agent server, for determining the arrival of the delivery goods to the agent, if the delivery goods information is inputted; and

means in the agent server, for notifying of the arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of the distribution server or and the terminal of the receiver from the agent.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a client, comprising:

a distribution server for managing delivery of the delivery goods;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent by registering delivery goods

information on the delivery of the delivery goods in a storage apparatus in the agent server;

a data transmission network, through which the client, said agent server and said distribution server are connected to one another;

means in the distribution server for requesting a schedule information to said client;

means in the distribution server for receiving said schedule information from said client;

means in the distribution server for processing said schedule information received from said client;

means in the distribution server for determining date and time for delivery of goods to the client <u>erand</u> outputting delivery goods information of the delivery goods to the agent, based on the processed schedule information; and

means in the agent server, for notifying of the arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of said distribution server and said client from the agent.

5. - 21. (Canceled)

- 22. (Currently Amended) A delivery managing system,
 comprising:
 - a client apparatus provided at a user side;
- a distribution server for managing a delivery of said goods; and

an agent server that is to be used for delivery of said goods, wherein said client apparatus, said distribution server and said agent server are interconnected with an information transmission network, and wherein

said distribution server comprises:

means for receiving a distribution condition which is transferred from said client apparatus, said distribution condition including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods;

means for processinggenerating information for delivery of said goods to said agent in accordance with said distribution condition; and

means for notifying the agent server of information indicating delivery of said goods, and wherein

said agent server comprises:

means for determining whether or not to send the goods to the client, based upon a comparison result between said information indicating delivery of said goods notified to

said agent server and said <u>inputted</u> information transferred from the client apparatus, when said goods are delivered to said agent.

- 23. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said information of the for delivery of said goods includes a contract code.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numerical number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein the information processing means of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent, depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said distribution server further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition

information to either one of said agent server and said client apparatus when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent.

- 27. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said agent server further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information to said client apparatus when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said client apparatus further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information to said agent server when detecting that the goods are located in the agent longer than a predetermined time.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said distribution server further comprises means for receiving a change in said distribution condition from said client apparatus, and means for processing the information in order to deliver the goods in accordance with the distribution condition changed.

- 30. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said client apparatus comprises means for receiving the delivery goods information transmitted from said distribution server.
- 31. (Currently Amended) A method for managing delivery of goods, to be used in a system, comprising:

providing a client apparatus provided at a receiver
side;

providing a distribution server, being connected with said client apparatus through a network, for managing delivery of said goods; and

providing an agent server that is to be used for delivery of said goods, wherein said client apparatus, said distribution server and said agent server are interconnected with an information transmission network, and wherein

said distribution server performs at least the following steps:

receiving a distribution condition that is transferred from saida distribution center, said distribution condition including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods;

processing generating information for delivery of said goods to said agent in accordance with said distribution condition; and

notifying the agent server of information of the delivery of said goods; and

transmitting the information to said agent server, so that to enable said agent server is able to determine whether or not to send the goods to the client.

- 32. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said agent server determines whether or not to send the goods to the client upon basis of a comparison result between said information transmitted to said agent server and information inputted by the client, when said goods is delivered to said agent.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a contract code.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said contract code includes

either one of a numeral number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.

- 35. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein the information processing step of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said distribution server further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to either one of said agent server and said client apparatus.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said agent server further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information to said client apparatus when detecting that the goods are located in the agent longer than a predetermined time.



- 38. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said client apparatus further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information to said agent server when detecting that the goods are located in the agent longer than a predetermined time.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said distribution server further comprises a step for receiving a change in said distribution condition from said client apparatus, and means for processing the information in order to deliver the goods in accordance with the changed distribution condition.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said client apparatus comprises a step for receiving the delivery goods information transmitted from said distribution server.
- 41. (Currently Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of goods, comprising:

a distribution server for managing delivery of said goods, said distribution server being connected with a client apparatus of a client through a network; and

an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein said client apparatus, said distribution server and said agent server are interconnected with an information transmission network, and

wherein said distribution server comprises:

means for receiving a distribution condition which is transferred from said client apparatus, said distribution condition including an agent mediating to be used on the delivery of said goods from a distribution center to a client;

means for processing information for delivery of said goods to said agent in accordance with said distribution condition;

mean for notifying the agent server of an information for indicating delivery of said goods; and

means for transmitting said information so that to enable said agent server is able to determine whether or not to send out the goods to the client.

- 42. (Currently Amended) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein said agent server is able to determine whether or not to send out the goods to the client upon basis of a comparison result between said information transmitted to said agent server and said information received by inputting infrom the client apparatus, when said goods is delivered to said agent.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a contract code.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numerical number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.
- 45. (Previously Presented) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein the information processing means of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent, depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.

- 46. (Previously Presented) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, further comprising means for outputting an abnormal condition information to either one of said client apparatus and said agent server when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent.
- 47. (Previously Presented) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, further comprising:

means for determining a date and time for delivery of said goods in accordance with said delivery condition; and

means for outputting an information on changing of the date and time for delivery of said goods when they are changed to said client apparatus.

48. - 51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system according to claim 2, further comprising means for registering arrival and departure of the delivery goods in the agent server.

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53. (Previously Presented) The delivery managing system according to claim 4, further comprising means for registering arrival and departure of the delivery goods in the agent server.

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54. (New) The delivery managing system as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

means in the distribution server for transmitting said delivery goods information to said agent server through a network;

means in the agent server for receiving said delivery goods information from said distribution server through the network; and

means in the agent server for comparing said delivery goods information received and said delivery goods information inputted thereby certifying said delivery goods arriving as said agent.